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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

LANSING, May 1, 1908.

To Conductors and Instructors:

Inasmuch as the work done last year in summer sessions of the county normal training classes was very satisfactory, I present herewith a few suggestions and a course of study for the work in the summer terms for 1908. I desire that the work shall be thoroughly done and that the teachers shall receive an inspiration from it that will make their ensuing year of greater interest, and of greater benefit to themselves and to their pupils. We shall depend upon the instructors to clothe the academic subjects with new life and inspiration. In this way we hope to increase the influence of the county normal training class in the county.

Very respectfully,

L. L. Knight

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

COUNTY NORMAL INSTITUTES.

In order to give an opportunity for professional training to all the teachers in counties where county normal training classes are established, we plan that the faculty of the regular training class, together with such other assistants as may be necessary, shall conduct a summer session during a period of four weeks. In some counties it will not be possible to have more than two weeks, but the plans of work and course of study will be practically the same in each case.

Each instructor should have two points in view in presenting this work: First, the facts, or academic instruction; second, professional training, which includes means and methods of presenting the subjects to pupils. We desire that the work shall be thorough over the field attempted and we should not endeavor necessarily to complete or cover all the points in any one subject. With the exception of the practice teaching, the work should be of the same nature as the work of the regular county normal training classes. We believe that if this work is properly presented it will add to the efficiency of the teaching force of the county and at the same time strengthen the work of the county normal training classes and attract students to them.

The commissioner of schools should see to it that every teacher and every person who expects to teach is informed in regard to this work and urged to be present. The result of the August teachers' examination will in many cases depend very largely upon the work done in this summer term, and while the work is not presented for the specific purpose of assisting in passing the examination we are not to forget that feature of it. Emphasis must be given, as said above, to the academic and professional work which is of the first importance. In addition to the regular work of the course a certain time should be set apart for round table discussions, questions and answers in regard to everyday work of the schoolroom, and these discussions should be for all the teachers and all the instructors.

We desire that the course of study given herein shall be followed very carefully. The course is based on a four-weeks' term and the instructors where only two weeks are given for the work should carefully adjust the amount of work to be presented so that whatever work is done may be thoroughly completed. The teacher of manual training should consult with the commissioner in regard to the amount of supplies necessary and see that they are procured in advance. The text-books used will be those in general use in the county. Each instructor should carefully study and analyze the following course of study and syllabus.

